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SUBJECT: EXCHANGES: ON-SITE OIL PROCESSING

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1. ALL USDEL MEMBERS HAVE RECEIVED VISAS AND WILL ARRIVE MOSCOW SEPT. 30 AT 17:25 HOURS ON AEROFLOT SU 581 FROM FROM LONDON AS SCHEDULED.

2. EXXON CORP, NYC, RECEIVED SEPT. 28 TWO COMMERCIAL CABLES FROM MOSCOW WHICH RAISE POSSIBILITY THAT USSR HOST MINISTRY EXPECTS USDEL TO MAKE ITS OWN HOTEL ARRANGEMENTS IN MOSCOW THROUGH INTOURIST. FIRST CABLE FROM THOMAS COOK AND SONS QUOTES INTOURIST AS CLAIMING THAT USSR MINISTRY OIL AND GAS ADVISED DELEGATION TO "HAVE VOUCHER FOR ONE NIGHT HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS MOSCOW SEPT. 30 - OCTOBER 1". (COOKS AND INTOURIST EVIDENTLY BECAME INVOLVED WHEN DELEGATION MEMBERS WENT TO PAN AMERICAN OFFICES HERE TO PURCHASE INTERNAL USSR AIR TICKETS PER GUIDANCE PARA 2 REFTEL B AND PAN AM CABLED MOSCOW FOR COST DATA). SECOND CABLE FROM GEORGE SAWYER OF EXXON PARTY UNCLASSIFIED

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NOW IN MOSCOW ADVISED THAT USDEL SHOULD CABLE US EMBASSY

MOSCOW ON WHAT HOTEL ARRANGEMENTS IT HAD MADE IN MOSCOW.

3. DEPT ADVISED USDEL THAT IN ACCORD WITH ESTABLISHED PROCEDURES IT SHOULD NOT, REPEAT NOT, MAKE ITS HOTEL RESERVATION THROUGH INTOURIST AND THAT USSR HOST MINISTRY OR SCST WOULD MAKE ALL INTERNAL HOTEL RESERVATIONS. IF EMBASSY BELIEVES THERE IS ANY POSSIBILITY OF SOVIET CONFUSION ON THIS SCORE, IT MAY WISH TO TAKE UP MATTER WITH SOVIETS. KISSINGER

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